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SUBJECT: DAVID KISSINGER

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FOR BREMER S/S FROM AMBASSADOR

1. MRS. VIRGINIA NORTON, ARMA WIFE, AND MRS. ELIZABETH BARBIERI, WIFE OF CONSULAR OFFICER, WILL ACT AS ESCORTS FOR DAVID. REGRET ALL EMBASSY OFFICERS ENGAGED IN CSCE TASKS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

A. EXCURSION PORVOO, SMALL HISTORIC TOWN APPROXIMATELY 50 KILOMETERS EAST OF HELSINKI. MRS. BARBIERI HAS COUNTRY HOUSE ON LAKE NEAR PORVOO WITH BOATS. HER TWO SONS, AGES 13 AND 15, COULD SHOW DAVID LIFE AT TYPICAL COUNTRY HOME.

B. TOWN EXCURSION TO COVER THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

CHURCH IN THE ROCK

SIBELIUS MONUMENT

SAURASAARI OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

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PLANNED TOWN OF TAPIOLA

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIME 1-1/2 HOURS PLUS 30-60 MINUTES
WALK ON SEURASAARI.

C. EXCURSION TO HVITTRASK. HVITTRASK IS THE HOME
AND STUDIO OF THE FAMED ARCHITECT SAARINEN, IT IS
LOCATED IN A LOVELY COUNTRYSIDE ABOUT 15 MILES FROM
THE CITY CENTER. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO GO BY THE
OLD STONE ESPOO CHURCH ON THE WAY TO OR FROM HVITTRASK.

D. EXCURSION TO SIBELIUS' HOME. SIBELIUS' HOME
"AINOLA" IS LOCATED ABOUT 45 MINUTES' DRIVE FROM CITY
CENTER NEAR THE TOWN OF JARVENPAA. THE HOUSE IS NOW A
MUSEUM, AND THE DRIVE SHOWS SOME OF THE FINNISH COUNTRY-
SIDE. IT IS POSSIBLE TO VISIT THE PICTURESQUE LAKESIDE
LOG HOME AND STUDIO OF THE FINNISH ARTIST HALONEN WHICH
IS NEAR THE SIBELIUS' HOME.

E. EXCURSION TO SUOMENLINNA WHICH IS A COLLECTION
OF FIVE FORTRESS ISLANDS GUARDING THE ENTRANCE TO
HELSINKI HARBOR. THERE ARE VARIOUS MUSEUMS ON THE
ISLAND WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH SOUTH HARBOR IN HELSINKI
BY A REGULAR FERRY SERVICE. AN EXCURSION TO SUOMENLINNA
INCLUDING A VISIT TO ITS VARIOUS MUSEUMS WOULD TAKE ABOUT
1/2 DAY.

F. EXCURSION BOAT TOURS. THERE ARE SEVERAL
EXCURSION BOAT TOURS OPERATING OUT OF HELSINKI
INCLUDING TOURS AS FAR AS PORVOO REQUIRING MOST OF
THE DAY, OR A TWO-HOUR TOUR AROUND HELSINKI'S MOST
IMPORTANT FOUR ISLANDS.

- (1) KORKEASAARI, WHERE THE ZOO IS.
 - (2) SUOMENLINNA, MENTIONED IN ITEM E.
 - (3) SEURASAARI, MENTIONED IN ITEM B.
 - (4) THERE IS A COLLECTION OF OLD FINNISH HOUSES, AND
 - (5) PIHLAJASAARI, WHERE YOU WILL FIND HELSINKI'S
MOST FAMOUS SWIMMING BEACHES.
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